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Enclosed is a revised version of the membership appeal letter. I tried to incorporate most of your comments, and some from other people as well. The letter is shorter, some of the paragraphs in the first draft have been dropped (such as the first one), and others have been rearranged. I hope it reads better. Let me know what you think.

I enjoyed our telephone conversation the other day, and I hope we can continue our discussion on "autonomous" weapons. I think your opinion is very interesting, although I think I disagree with it. It could be a very productive discussion, in any case.

I also want to apologize again for insensitivity in the remarks published in Cliff Johnson's article. I have pulled that article from our shelves, and Cliff is going to rewrite it to reflect his conversation with you.

I feel kind of stupid that I haven't relied on your counsel before now, and I hope you'll forgive that oversight. Of all the national experts on issues of international security, I think you probably come closest to our perspective on things. I sincerely hope that we can find ways to work together in the future. Any help you give to CPSR will be very valuable, and greatly appreciated.

I will talk to you next week. Thanks again for looking this over.

Best regards,



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